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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 428**

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES KELLY (36), MONACO AND BONNER (Co-sponsors).

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 575, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to eluding a law enforcement official, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 575, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 575.155, to read as follows:

575.155. 1. A person commits the crime of eluding a law enforcement official if such person:

- (1) Operates a motor vehicle after receiving a visual or audible signal, such as a red light or a siren, from a law enforcement official driving a motor vehicle, clearly marked as an official law enforcement vehicle, directing the person to bring the motor vehicle to a stop where such law enforcement official has probable cause to believe a crime has been committed; and
- (2) Purposely increases the speed of the motor vehicle or extinguishes the lights of the motor vehicle for the purpose of eluding such law enforcement official; or
- 10 (3) Purposely attempts in any other manner to elude the law enforcement official;
- 12 (4) Does elude such law enforcement official.
- 2. Eluding a law enforcement official is a class D felony.
- 14 3. Nothing in this section shall be construed to bar civil suits for unlawful arrest.
- 4. As used in this section, "law enforcement official" means anyone defined as a peace officer in section 590.100, RSMo.